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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: **METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR
REDUCING LEAKAGE CURRENT IN
SEMICONDUCTOR CIRCUITS**

Group Art Unit: 2816

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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(C) AND
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102**

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Sir:

37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c) allows an applicant to petition that a patent application be made special if that patent application is for an invention that will materially contributed to the conservation of energy resources. MPEP § 708.02 requires that such petition be accompanied by a statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(c) from the applicant or his attorney/agent explaining how the invention contributes to the conservation of energy resources. 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and M.P.E.P. § 708.02 specify that there is no fee for filing a petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c).

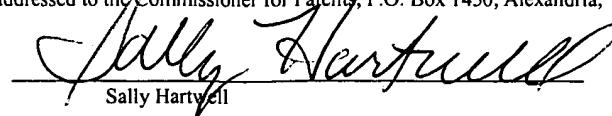
Applicant hereby requests that this application be made special, because the subject matter

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claimed in this application will materially contribute to the conservation of energy resources.

The subject matter claimed in this application is directed to reducing leakage currents across circuit components. This reduction in leakage current results in a reduction in power dissipation in the circuits containing the circuit components. Reducing the power dissipation of a circuit directly reduces the usage of energy in the circuit, which results in conservation of energy resources, for example by extending the battery life of a battery used to power the circuit.

Based on the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that the application is entitled to be made special in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c). Applicant respectfully requests that this Petition to Make Special be granted.

As noted above, applicant believes that there is no fee required for this petition. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Orrick's Deposit Account No. **15-0665** for any fees that are required, and to credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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